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Read Me First – Mississippi Medicaid and MCO's

Paperwork Dates for MS Medicaid and MCO's

For recipients with MS Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care (MCO), all paperwork must be dated within six months of the date it's submitted for approval.

Health Systems of Mississippi – Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN)

- This form must be completed and signed by the Physician who is a pediatrician, neurologist or a physician specializing in physical rehabilitation and who has documented training in assessment for the prescription of a Speech Generating Device (SGD). This form cannot be signed by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant as indicated on the form. This form is valid for 90 days from the physician's signature.
- The SGD, accessories and the speech therapy schedule (e.g. speech therapy 2x/week for 12 weeks) must be listed in the Physician Order section.
- Include the date the client was last seen by the Physician which must be within the last 6 months.
- Include the Physician's Medicaid provider number or state license number.
- The CMN must have height and weight listed for the client.
- Estimated length of need should be "99".

Speech Language AAC Evaluation

An AAC evaluation must be performed by a qualified speech language pathologist. The evaluation report is valid for 90 days. A written copy of the evaluation and recommendations must be shared with the physician and submitted with the request for approval. An SGD will be covered when all of the following criterion have been addressed in the evaluation/report:

1. The patient's ability to communicate using speech and/or writing is insufficient for communication purposes. (answer "yes" to that question on the CMN)
2. Documentation clearly supports that the patient is mentally, emotionally and physically capable of operating/using an ACD. (answer "yes" to that question on the CMN)
3. Evaluation and recommendations are provided by a licensed speech-language pathologist. (answer "yes" to that question on the CMN)
4. The prescription includes specification for SGD, component accessories, and all necessary therapies and/or training, which is also documented in the speech evaluation report.
5. Evaluation report must include a training schedule(s) with long- and short-term goals.

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6. Evaluation report must include a statement regarding the specific amount of time (years and months) traditional therapy has been done and has not proven to be an effective treatment method.
7. Evaluation report must include why non-electronic communication systems such as sign language and PECS were ruled out.

Molina Medicaid Requirements

If client is eligible for Molina Medicaid, the prescribing physician is required to sign the Speech Language AAC Evaluation report, as well as provide a separate letter supporting the need for the recommended speech device and accessories.